

REGULAR MEETING-MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
June 23, 2008

Mayor Elizabeth Paterson called the regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 9:20 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Audrey P. Beck Building.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Duffy, Haddad, Koehn, Nesbitt, Paterson, Paulhus
Absent: Blair, Clouette, Schaefer

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Nesbitt moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2008 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Nesbitt moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2008 Special Meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Mike Sikoski, 135 Wildwood Road, requested clarification on the legal liability of the Town regarding relocation expenses for current tenants of the UConn business block. The Town Manager will provide.

Betty Wassmundt, Old Turnpike Road, questioned whether or not a conflict of interest existed for those Council members and staff who serve or work with the Downtown Partnership. The Town Manager commented that the Town Attorney has rendered an opinion on the issue. Ms. Wassmundt questioned the details of the relationship of the Town and University with the Discovery Depot.

Mr. Haddad moved and Ms. Duffy seconded to move Item 3, Report from Assisted/Independent Living Advisory Committee, as the next item of business. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

1. Community/Campus Relations, Discussion of Certain Noise Abatement Ordinances

Mr. Haddad moved and Ms. Koehn seconded to table the establishment of a Committee on Community Quality of Life until the next meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Community Water and Wastewater issues

The Town Manager updated the Council on the June 19th meeting of the UConn Water and Wastewater Policy Advisory Committee. The issues of conservation and long term supply were discussed. Council members agreed that the Town should also look at water usage in the Town.

V. NEW BUSINESS

3. Report from Assisted/Independent Living Advisory Committee

Kevin Grunwald, Director of Human Services, introduced the members of the Advisory Committee charged with making a recommendation for a preferred developer(s) to the Council. The report recommends Masonicare. Mayor Paterson noted that the issue came to the Council as a result of the work of an ad hoc committee of caring interested citizens. By consensus the Council agreed that the next step would be for them to interview the recommended developer. The Council thanked the Committee for all their work.

4. Youth Services Bureau Grant

Mr. Paulhus moved and Mr. Nesbitt seconded to approve the following resolution:

Resolved, that the Town Manager, Matthew W. Hart be authorized to submit an application to the Connecticut Department of Education and to execute any necessary agreements with that agency, to receive funding for the operation of the Mansfield Youth Service Bureau for the period beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2008.

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Hunting Lodge Road Walkway/Bikeway Project Easements

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded, effective June 23, 2008, to authorize staff to provide formal notice to the two property owners who have not accepted the town's proposed compensation to acquire the easements necessary for the Hunting Lodge Walkway/Bikeway Project, and to schedule a public hearing for 7:30 p.m. at the Town Council's regular meeting on July 14, 2008 to solicit public comment regarding the Hunting Lodge Road Walkway/Bikeway Project easements.

Motion passed unanimously.

6. Personal Service Agreement – Mansfield Discovery Depot Daycare Services

Ms. Koehn requested a presentation on the agreements among the Town, University and Discovery Depot. Members discussed the history of the program. The Town Manager will verify the funding source identified for the air conditioning for the Depot and will try to get a copy of a recent UConn report that studied childcare in Mansfield.

Resolved, effective June 23, 2008, to authorize Town Manager, Matthew W. Hart, to execute a personal service agreement between the Town of Mansfield and the University of Connecticut to provide day care services at the Mansfield Discovery Depot for the children of university employees and students and to execute and approve on behalf of the Town, other instruments, a part of or

incident to such agreement until otherwise ordered by the Town Council

Resolved, that the Town of Mansfield, Connecticut hereby adopt as its policy to support the nondiscrimination agreements and warranties required under Connecticut General Statutes §4a-60(a)(1) and §4a-60(a)(1) as amended in State of Connecticut Public Act 07-245 and sections 9(a)(1) of Public Act 07-142.

Motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Ms. Koehn who abstained.

7. White Oak Condominiums, Sewer Project

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded, effective June 23, 2008, to refer the issue of the White Oak Condominiums sewer project to the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Conservation Commission, the Open Space Committee and the Parks Advisory Committee for review and comment.

Motion passed unanimously.

VI. DEPARTMENTAL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Koehn asked if residents would be able to hook up to the natural gas line as the connection is made to the Mansfield Middle School. Staff is exploring the possibilities and will report back.

VII. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

None

VIII. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

None

IX. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Attached

X. FUTURE AGENDAS

The Town Manager listed the following as Future Agenda Items: Open Space Acquisition and Management, Strategic Planning Review, Discovery Depot, Downtown Partnership Fiscal Impact Analysis, and the tax exemptions currently in place.

Town Manager Matt Hart will check the hiring requirements for lawyers as proscribed in the Charter.

XI. PETITIONS, REQUEST AND COMMUNICATIONS

8. Hartford Courant, "A Real College Town" - 06/9/08
9. Hartford Courant, "Storrs Center Update" - 06/12/08
10. Chronicle, "New School Chief Chosen" - 06/5/08
11. Chronicle, "Letter to Editor" - 06/5/08
12. Chronicle, "UConn Plans New Buildings for \$86M " - 06/9/08
13. Chronicle, "Rezoning Plan Draws a Protest" - 06/10/08
14. Chronicle, "Mansfield Must Find \$372,000 for this Year" - 06/10/08
15. Chronicle, "Letter to the Editor" - 06/10/08
16. Chronicle, "Storrs Developers to Update Mansfield Council on Plans" - 06/11/08
17. Chronicle, "Mayor, UConn President Support Downtown" - 06/11/08
18. Chronicle, "DEP Pats UConn's Back Regarding Water Issue" - 06/12/08
19. Chronicle, "Letter to the Editor" - 06/13/08
20. Chronicle, "Decision Needed on Downtown" - 06/13/08
21. Chronicle, "Teachers to Train on New Math Books" - 06/13/08
22. Chronicle, "Paterson Elected CCM's President" - 06/14/08
23. Chronicle, "Mansfield Vote to be at One Polling Place" - 06/16/08
24. Chronicle, "Economy to Impact Storrs Center Plan" - 06/16/08
25. Chronicle, "Letter to the Editor" - 06/17/08
26. Chronicle, "Corridor Group Seeks Water Volunteers in Mansfield Saturday" - 06/17/08
27. Chronicle, "Letter to the Editor" - 06/18/08
28. C. van Zelm re: Storrs Center Progress Report - 06/12/08
29. CCM Legislative Update re: Conveyance Tax Extension - 6/13/08
30. CCM Municipal Management Bulletin re: AT & T to Obtain Citizen Approval for Boxes - 05/30/08
31. Mansfield Record - April - June 2008

32. Signature Events and Programs in the Mansfield Public Schools - June 2008

33. R. Miller re: Food establishments - 05/19/08

Mr. Paulhus moved and Ms. Duffy seconded to move into Executive Session.

Motion passed unanimously

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Present: Duffy, Haddad, Koehn, Nesbitt, Paterson, Paulhus
Also Present: Matthew Hart, Town Manager

Issue: Personnel

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Nesbitt moved and Mr. Haddad seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk